GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BORDER DISPUTES IN NER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States in the North Eastern Region (NER) which have border disputes with each other along with the names of territories involved, the date of dispute in each case and the efforts made for resolving the disputes by the Union Government;

(b) the details of pending court cases in regard to each of such border disputes;

(c) the details of Boundary Commissions appointed to resolve each dispute along with the functioning of the Boundary Commission since their appointment; and

(d) the time by which such border disputes are likely to be resolved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c): There are some border disputes between the States of Assam-Nagaland, Assam- Arunachal Pradesh and Assam-Meghalaya. The approach of the Central Government has consistently been that inter-State boundary disputes can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the State Governments concerned and that the Central Government works only as a facilitator for amicable settlement of the dispute in a spirit of mutual accommodation and understanding.

The Government of Assam had filed Original Suit No. 2/88 and 1/89 in the Supreme Court of India for demarcation of boundaries between the states of Assam-Nagaland and Assam-Arunachal Pradesh respectively. The Supreme Court vide its judgment and order dated 25.9.2006 has appointed a Local Commission for identification of boundaries of the States of Assam-Nagaland and Assam-Arunachal Pradesh. While hearing an application filed by Government of Nagaland in Original Suit No. 2/88, the Supreme Court vide its order dated 20.8.2010, interalia, directed that apart from continuation of the Local Commission, possibility to resolve the issue through mediation may also be explored and for this purpose appointed two Co-mediators. The meeting of the mediators in regard to boundary issues between Assam and Nagaland are continuing. Last meeting of mediators with the States of Assam and Nagaland was held on 22.4.2013. The Local Commission is continuing its hearing in regard to Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

In so far as boundary dispute between Assam and Meghalaya is concerned, the Central Government has advised both the State Governments to settle the dispute mutually and amicably.

(d): In view of the (a) to (c) above, no time frame can be indicated in this regard.